

REMARKS**Paragraphs 1-3 of the Office Action**

5 Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent
5,176,601 to Reynolds. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being
unpatentable over Reynolds as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S.
Patent 6,390,960 to Borland. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being
unpatentable over Reynolds as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S.
Patent 6,312,366 to Prusick. Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a
10 rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 8 is
allowable.

 Claim 2 has been cancelled and its limitations incorporated into amended claim 1.
Based on the Examiner's statements, it is believed that claim 1 is now in condition for
allowance.

15 Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

New Claims

 New claim 9 includes the limitations of as-filed claims 1 and 4. Based on the
comments by the Examiner, it is believed that claim 9 and all claims depending therefrom
20 are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added and all references therein
are fully supported in the claims and specification as originally filed.


CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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